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VIA FOIA ONLINE

National Freedom of Information Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T) Washington, DC 20460

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Related to EPA's IRIS Assessment of Libby Amphibole Asbestos.

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 et seq., as amended ("FOIA"), and the FOIA regulations promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at 40 C.F.R. Part 2, I hereby request the following communications between the University of Cincinnati and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, including any supporting attachments or enclosures, that relate to EPA's IRIS Assessment of Libby Amphibole Asbestos and are listed in EPA's Health & Environmental Research Online (HERO) database:

- 1) Email dated January 17, 2014 from Bob Benson to James Lockey, cc Timothy Hilbert, HERO identification no. 2225865;
- 2) Email dated February 10, 2014 from Timothy Hilbert to Bob Benson, cc James Lockey, HERO identification no. 2225864.

I understand that pursuant to the EPA's FOIA regulations, I can expect a response to this request within 20 days of your receipt of this letter. To facilitate a timely response to this letter, please forward me interim responses as subsets of responsive records become available. By this letter, I am preauthorizing up to \$200 in processing costs.

This request is made with the understanding that HERO "is part of the open government directive to conduct business with transparency, participation, and collaboration." If you have

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any questions regarding this request or need further information, please contact me at <u>jlanham@bdlaw.com</u> or (410) 230-1333. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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